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# Gladiolus



**P. VOS & SON**  
GROWERS OF  
**CHOICE AND NEW GLADIOLI**  
P. O. BOX 555  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.  
U. S. A.



CATALOG AND PRICE LIST

# GLADIOLUS

*You are cordially invited to visit our farm of  
"Glads," one of the largest and most  
complete collections of Gladioli  
in the United States*



PIETER VOS

**P. VOS & SON**

GERRIT VOS

Growers of New and Choice Gladioli

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

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Botsford Place, North Park  
Take Taylor Car No 4

Citizens 71159

FARM AND WAREHOUSE

6 miles south of Grand Rapids  
Clyde Park Road

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## INTRODUCTION



HIS booklet tells you something about the beautiful Gladiolus. It gives you just a little idea how they glory in this or that color; it relates what form they have and whether they are much or little vigorous in growth. If you are in need of it, this booklet gives you the information to grow the wonderful Gladiolus, and it tells you also the purchase price of each variety.

Some of the pages show a black-and-white reproduction of the product under discussion, but here we must say that it is a poor proceeding to show a live flower on cold, cruelly cold, dead, paper. The dainty, almost heavenly life in its purity is absent from such a picture and you stare at nothing but a blot of printer's ink. Well, it gives you the form, that's all the photographer and printer can do.

This booklet tells you also about the people who grow the Gladiolus Beautiful. They are Pieter Vos and Son, Gerrit Vos, who came to this country from the Netherlands a few years ago, with the stock of bulbs and bulblets they needed for propagating. They settled at Mt. Clemens, Mich., but soon found that the soil there was too much of a clay substance to suit the Gladiolus. Therefore they moved to this city as a result of a four weeks' surveying and prospecting of the different soils around Grand Rapids. They bought a forty acre farm near Fisher Station, 6 miles south of the city, where they reap the best bulbs they have ever seen for the last 17 years of their growers' experience.

Mr. Pieter Vos, who is a veteran grower and hybridiser of Gladioli, is in charge of the farm and warehouses. He has perfected quite a number of Hybrids, new forms, rare colors, fine substance of flowers and most vigorous in growth. The Vos-named varieties are marked with an asterisk in the Price List for the reader's convenience.

Gerrit Vos, who is manager of the office, came to this country five years ahead of his father and found that a few years of study at Calvin College of this city has helped him a great deal in conducting the business of the firm. He will be pleased to correspond with you and give you all the information and help in growing the Gladiolus you may stand in need of.

We grow varieties in any shade and color imaginable, some of which are high, but mostly low-priced. We have collections of bulbs in different varieties in reach of anyone's purse.

In conclusion, we would induce you to try and grow some of these bulbs. It is very simple as you can see by the general instructions printed on another page. A child can do it. If you have read this booklet and find that you have no use for the Gladiolus, which we hardly can imagine, we kindly ask you to pass it along to some of your friends who have. Well, we are at your service and hope to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

P. VOS & SON.

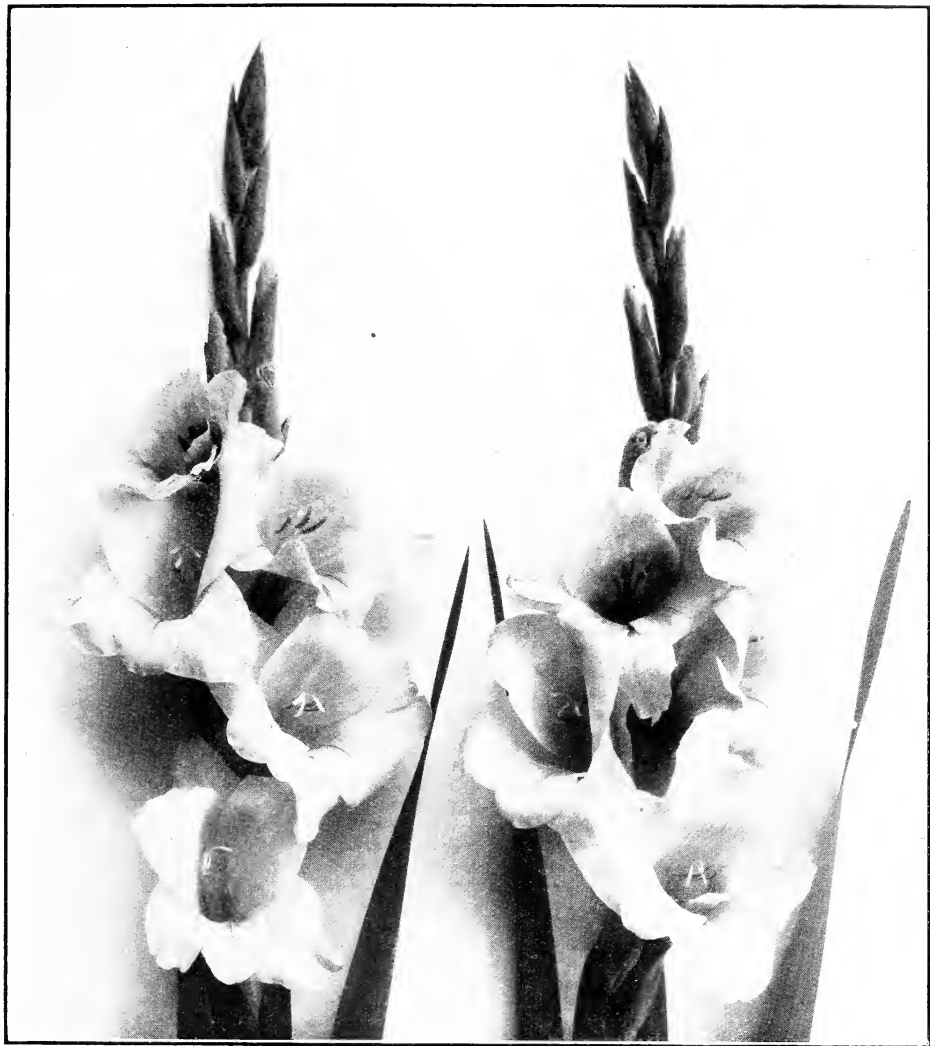
### NOTICES

For the prices quoted, we deliver bulbs, transportation free, to all points in the United States and Canada. No orders of less than fifty cents can be accepted. Small orders are filled with as much care as large ones.

### HOW TO REACH OUR FIELDS

In Grand Rapids drive out South Division Avenue about six miles. Turn to right the first road beyond the pavement, then drive one mile west.

**SEE PAGE 16 FOR OUR COLLECTIONS**



GLAD. LOVELINESS

## Cultural Directions

**PLANTING** Bulbs should be planted in a sandy soil or loam, about 6 inches apart and 4 to 5 inches deep. Pick out the sunniest spot of your garden because the warm sunshine is the most important factor in growing the bulbs with pleasing results. Spade in some manure in Fall before planting the following Spring. As soon as the frost is out of the ground you can start planting. In order to have a continuous supply of flowers it is advisable to plant at intervals of two weeks, viz: If you have 100 bulbs, plant 25 April 15th; 25 May 1st; 25 May 15th; and 25 June 1st. This will assure you the joy of having flowers all Summer and Fall, from July until November.

**WATERING** Water thoroughly at evenings only. Never allow the soil to become bone-dry, nor too wet. Do not allow a crust to form over the soil near the rows of plants. Cultivate and cultivate is the watchword. It is not necessary to work the soil deeper than two inches; do not work the soil when it is wet.



GLAD. FLORA

## Cultural Directions

### DIGGING

As soon as the foliage turns yellow in Fall, cut off the foliage tops near the bulb, after taking the bulb up. Let the bulbs dry in the sun during the day you dig them.

### STORING

Before placing bulbs in storage allow them to dry one week, spreading them on burlap or anything of that sort. Then remove roots and old corm from bottom of the new corm. Place bulbs in wooden crates not more than 5 inches deep, otherwise they will get damp and start growing before the proper time. Bulbs will retain their vitality best if stored in a cool, dry place under a temperature of 40-50 degrees. Never let them get under a temperature below 32 degrees for they freeze easily.

If you need any additional information about the growing of the wonderful Gladioli, we will be glad to correspond with you.

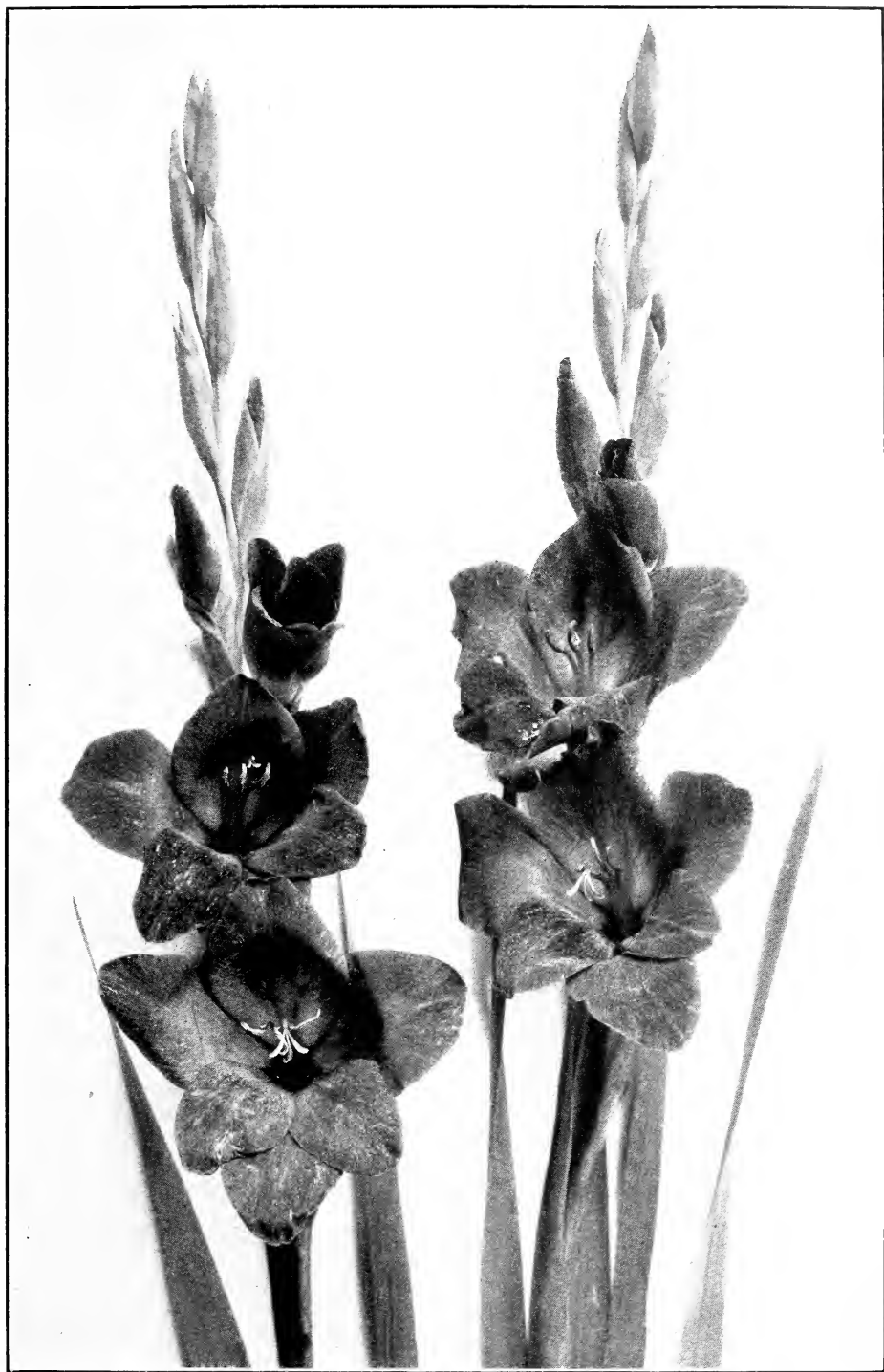


## Standard Varieties and Some That Are Recently Introduced to the Trade

	Each	Doz.	Per 100
<b>ADELINA PATTI</b> —Very large flower. Dark violet.....	\$0.50	\$4.50	\$ .....
<b>AMERICA</b> —Soft flesh pink .....	0.10	1.00	6.00
<b>ANNIE WIGMAN</b> —Pure yellow with soft red blotch; many flowers open at one time.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>AUGUSTA</b> —Pale white, small rose stripes on lower petals.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>BARON JOS. HULOT</b> —This Gladiolus is regarded the finest blue in existence. Deep color of an indigo shade.....	0.10	1.00	8.00
<b>BERTREX</b> —One of the best white Gladioli. Many flowers open at one time. Rapid multiplier, strong grower.....	0.20	1.75	12.00
<b>BLUE JAY</b> —Light blue. Large white spot on lower petals, with yellow center .....	0.30	2.50	20.00
<b>BRIMSTONE</b> —A 1921 introduction. Pale yellow. From 4 to 5 flowers open at one time. Flowers are arranged on the stem in like manner as the well known Brenchleyensis.....	0.50	4.00	.....
<b>CATHERINA</b> —Wonderful blue gray. Lower petals a little deeper blue, with brownish red spot. A very attractive variety .....	0.75	6.00	.....
<b>CATLEYA</b> —Soft lilac rose, lower petals spotless white.....	0.15	1.50	10.00
<b>CHATEAU THIERRY</b> —A large well formed flower, widely expanded. Color bright cerise; red blotch bordered by light yellow on lower petals. This variety was a great attraction at the Saginaw Gladiolus Show.....	0.35	3.00	.....
<b>CHICAGO WHITE</b> —One of the early whites. A small lilac blotch on lower petals .....	0.08	0.80	6.00
<b>CHRIS</b> —Dark maroon color, purplish shaded. Beautifully shaped, lovely flower .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>CLEAR EYE</b> —New, tall, early, robust. Strong grower. Long spikes. Broad, dark green foliage; rich, deep scarlet with a white center; broad flower of fine form. Certified Haarlem and London .....	0.50	4.00	.....
<b>CONSPICUOUS</b> —Light blue, darker spot with yellow center on lower petals. This flower is called the pansy among the Glads .....	0.30	2.50	15.00
<b>CZAR PETER</b> —Dark red, with tiny yellow stripe on lower petals. Strong grower .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>DICK</b> —Unsurpassed beautiful blue. Dark velvet blotch in center .....	0.25	2.00	15.00
<b>ELECTRA</b> —Orange red. Large flower, small white blotch on lower petals .....	0.15	1.50	10.00
<b>ELIZABETH KURZ</b> —Pure white color. Stems upright with an abundance of flowers open at one time. Is regarded a winner for cut flower purposes.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>*EROS</b> —Immense flower of soft rose with a little carmine stripe on lower petal. New .....	2.00	15.00	.....
<b>*EVENING RED</b> —Charming crimson. This flower has a fascinating power. Tall spike. New.....	0.50	4.00	.....
<b>EVELYN KIRTLAND</b> —Rosy pink color. Darker edges. Brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. A winner.....	0.20	2.00	14.00
<b>*FAIR KING</b> —The best scarlet in existence. Brilliant variety of great value. New .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>FAUST</b> —Flower of large size. Color of deep velvet crimson....	0.10	1.00	6.00
<b>FLORA</b> —Beautiful golden yellow. Very large flower. A very strong grower. New.....	1.00	8.00	.....
<b>FRIENDSHIP</b> —Solid old rose shade. A wine red blotch in center. Very strong grower. Attractive.....	0.10	1.00	7.00



GLAD. WILBRINK



GLAD. GEN. JOFFRE

	Each	Doz.	Per 100
* <b>GEN. JOFFRE</b> —Bright scarlet. Large flower. Very strong grower. The earliest scarlet. Greatly admired at the Saginaw Gladiolus Show .....	0.20	2.00	12.00
* <b>GEORGIA</b> —Light cream color, tinged with pink; red blotch on lower petals. As early as Halley.....	0.50	4.00	25.00
<b>GLORY OF HOLLAND</b> —White, with slight tinting on lower petals .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>GOLDEN MEASURE</b> —A pure yellow, large flowering Gladiolus. Equal in size and length of spike, substance and form to the best kinds, and in its rich deep yellow color quite unique .....	5.00	48.00	.....
<b>GOLDEN WEST</b> —Brilliant orange with dark stripes. Award of merit, Haarlem and London.....	0.20	2.00	10.00
<b>GOLIATH</b> —Improvement of "Empress of India". Extra fine. Purplish maroon. Large flower.....	0.15	1.50	8.00
<b>GRETCHEN ZANG</b> —Large flowers, lively pink, darker small blotch .....	0.20	2.00	13.00
<b>HALLEY</b> —Delicate salmon pink. Creamy blotch, darker stripes on lower petals. Extremely early.....	0.10	1.00	6.00
<b>HAUBENSTAUFEN</b> —Pure white with a tinge of soft pink and large blotch of brilliant scarlet, bordered light yellow. Backs suffused with a tender flesh pink, producing a grand effect, increased by the erect position of the flowers. An extremely fine novelty. First class certificate, Boston, Mass.....	0.20	2.00	12.00
<b>HILDA</b> —Deep scarlet, strong grower. The flower has a pleasing velvet appearance .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
* <b>ILLINOIS</b> —Fine apple blossom pink with small wine-red blotch .....	0.25	2.25	14.00
* <b>JOHNANNESFEUR</b> —Brownish red, velvet striped.....	1.00	10.00	.....
* <b>JOHN M. GOOD</b> —Before opening of the buds the color is citron yellow, but when in full bloom turns into a beautiful white with a purple throat.....	3.00	30.00	.....
<b>LA GRANDESSE</b> —Fine large white flower, slightly tinting into light pink .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>LE MARECHAL FOCH</b> —Beautiful shade of light pink. Flowers twice as large as America. One of the earliest. Blooms the same time as "Halley" and "Wilbrink". A Holland introduction .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>LIEBESFEUER</b> —Bright scarlet. This variety is unique in its color. Certificated in Haarlem and London.....	0.50	4.00	20.00
<b>LILY LEHMAN</b> —Distinct Holland variety. Ivory White; lily shaped flowers .....	0.25	2.25	.....
<b>LILY WHITE</b> —An extremely fine novelty. Early, pure white flower. Rapid multiplier .....	0.50	5.00	15.00
<b>L'IMMACULEE</b> —Pure white, long spike of many flowers open at one time, very early. One of the best white.....	0.15	1.50	10.00
<b>LISS</b> —Bright rose pink. Extra strong spike, with eight to ten flowers open at one time. New.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>LOUISE</b> —The lavender queen among the Gladiolus. A blotch of velvety maroon towards the center.....	1.25	12.00	.....
<b>LOVELINESS</b> —Creamy white; robust, strong grower; dark green foliage. Very large beautiful flower. Certificated Haarlem and London .....	0.25	2.25	12.00
<b>LUCIE</b> —Pure soft canary yellow; large flower, early.....	0.50	4.00	.....
* <b>MAINE</b> —The purest white in existence. Exquisite form reminding one of the lilies when in full bloom. This novelty commanded the admiration of every one at the convention held at Detroit this past season.....	4.00	36.00	.....



GLAD. CHATEAU THIERRY

	Each	Doz.	Per 100
<b>MAJESTIC</b> —Delicate orange pink; large flowers, distinct variety .....	0.50	4.00	.....
* <b>MARGOT</b> —Wine red, deepening into a violet indigo towards the center. Unique. New .....	4.00	40.00	.....
<b>MARIE FENNELL</b> —Beautiful light lavender; lower petals penciled with primrose-yellow, especially recommended.....	0.20	2.00	.....
<b>MASTER WIETSE</b> —Rosy magenta; overlaid deep purple, streaked with black .....	0.08	0.80	6.00
* <b>MISS CHRISTINA TREUR</b> —Large flower of a pale pink, almost white color, without any blotch or stripe. This may really be called a lovely flower. As early as Halley which heightens its value .....	2.00	15.00	.....
* <b>MORNING GLORY</b> —Sulphur yellow, with a light shade of wine red in the throat .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>MR. MARK</b> —A variety of recent date. Light blue, with darker blotch in throat. Robust grower.....	0.20	2.00	15.00
<b>MRS. DR. NORTON</b> —Creamy tinted flower. Light pink petals. Yellow center. Flowers widely expanded.....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>MRS. FRANCIS KING</b> —Salmon red, flamed darker, big tall spike .....	0.08	0.80	6.00
<b>MRS. FRANK PENDLETON</b> —The flowers are very large and well expanded; of a lovely flushed salmon pink, with brilliant carmine blotches .....	0.15	1.50	9.00
<b>MRS. VELTHUYS</b> —Dark brilliant red. Large flower.....	0.25	2.25	.....
* <b>MRS. VOS</b> —The color reminds us of Peach Blossoms, creamy white intermingled with pink, light red blotch on yellow ground of lower petals .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>MURIEL</b> —When in full bloom a beautiful orchid shade, with purple blotch on lower petals.....	1.00	10.00	.....
* <b>NEBRASKA</b> —Violet blue, with snowwhite blotch.....	0.20	2.00	14.00
* <b>NEW MEXICO</b> —Tall, robust, pure white, immense flower.....	1.50	14.00	.....
<b>NEGERFURST</b> —Brilliant velvety blood-red, flaked with black; the white blotch is striped with a lilac pink. This variety must please .....	0.30	2.50	.....
<b>NIAGARA</b> —Nanking yellow. Nothing to equal it in its shade of color; large flower and spikes. Awards of merit, Haarlem and London .....	0.15	1.50	8.00
<b>NORA</b> —Light blue with little darker spot in throat and lower petal .....	0.25	2.25	15.00
* <b>OHIO</b> —Creamy white; a tinge of purple far in the throat.....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>PANAMA</b> —Magnificent pink. Very lovely and well arranged flowers. One of the best American introductions. Awarded everywhere .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>PEACE</b> —Pure white, with pale lilac feathering on lower petals. Standard variety .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>PINK BEAUTY</b> —Earliest of all Gladioli. Certified three times and awarded twice. Lively pink with crimson blotches.....	0.10	1.00	8.00
<b>PINK PERFECTION</b> —Pure apple blossom pink; extra fine spike with eight flowers open at one time. Very lovely. First class certificates Haarlem and London.....	0.15	1.50	10.00
<b>PINK PROGRESSION</b> —A sport of the well known Pink Beauty, blooms at the same time but its color is much lighter; the softest pink .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>PRIDE OF HILLEGOM</b> —Very fine scarlet. Large flowers....	0.30	2.50	18.00
<b>PRINCE OF WALES</b> —Delicate salmon pink; very large flowers. Award of merit and First-Class Certificate Haarlem and London .....	0.20	2.00	12.00



GLAD. FAIR KING



GLAD. GOLDEN MEASURE





GLAD. WOLVERINE

	Each	Doz.	Per 100
<b>PRINCIPS</b> —Brilliant scarlet, intense shading in throat, broad white blotches across lower petals. Certificated everywhere	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>PRINCEPINE</b> —One of the most brilliant scarlet reds; it is a very vigorous grower. Well open large flowers and of a fine velvety substance. The throat is glistening white. Awards of Merit Haarlem and London.....	0.10	1.00	6.00
<b>*RADIUM</b> —Upper petals light pink, lower petals creamy white with pink edge. Beautiful wine-red blotches on yellow ground	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>RED EMPEROR</b> —Very large flower of a bright scarlet color. Here we reach the summit of the scarlets unto perfection. Certificated everywhere .....	0.25	2.25	18.00
<b>REV. EWBANK</b> —The finest porcelain blue .....	0.75	6.50	.....
<b>ROEM (GLORY) VAN KENNEBERLAND</b> —Beautiful deep rose; yellow blotch, flowers of immense size, when in full bloom measuring 5 inches across the petals.....	0.20	2.00	12.00
<b>SALMON EXELSIOR</b> —New. Flower of fine form. Lively salmon color, with brilliant scarlet blotch.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>SCHWABEN</b> —Very attractive flower, pure canary yellow; when opening, shading to a soft sulphur-yellow. Golden dark yellow center is blotched with brilliant brownish carmine	0.15	1.50	8.00
<b>STELLA</b> —Light red with white blotch. Very attractive.....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>*UTAH</b> —Pure white, rose feathering on lower petals.....	0.20	2.00	14.00
<b>WAR</b> —Deep blood-red. Long stalks and large flowers. The latest scarlet .....	0.15	1.50	8.00
<b>*WASHINGTON</b> —Pure white. Very strong grower.....	2.00	17.00	.....
<b>WHITE AMERICA</b> —Buds flesh white, opening clear white, with a slight mark of blue in the throat.....	0.50	4.00	.....
<b>WHITE GIANT</b> —Tall, immense pure white flower. Healthy strong grower. Its shape resembles an Easter lily. Has frosted appearance by artificial light.....	0.50	4.00	30.00
<b>WILBRINK</b> —A sport of Halley. Retains Halley's earliness, and has the color of America. Soft yellow blotch on lower petals. When better known, it is bound to be in great demand .....	0.15	1.75	10.00
<b>*WISCONSIN</b> —Pure white, with Burgundy stripe on lower petals adding to its beauty. Tall spikes; one of the strongest growers .....	0.50	4.00	30.00
<b>*WOLVERINE</b> —Flesh color, outer edges bordered salmon pink; red blotch on yellow ground. Eight-ten flowers open at one time, petals nicely rolled backwards. One of the strongest multipliers .....	0.40	3.50	25.00
<b>YELLOW HAMMER</b> —Pure yellow with little red mark in the throat .....	0.15	1.50	9.00
<b>ALL VARIETIES MIXED</b> —We have acquired this high grade mixture with the purpose of giving our customers something out of the ordinary mixtures. This mixture combines all first-class trade varieties as well as many new kinds.....	.....	0.60	4.00

### A Few of the Very Best Varieties of *Gladiolus Primulinus*

<b>BABY JANE</b> —White ground, lower petals tinted yellow with wine red stripes .....	1.00	12.00	.....
<b>BUTTERCUP</b> —Pale yellow color, deeper colored towards center. Pure red blotch .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>CONQUEROR</b> —Canary yellow .....	0.25	2.50	15.00
<b>FAITH</b> —Flowers of the clearest yellow imaginable. Penciled carmine in throat .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>JOSEPHINE</b> —Bright red, lower petals yellow inside.....	0.10	1.00	7.00



GLAD. WISCONSIN

	Each	Doz.	Per 100
<b>MOONBEAMS</b> —Citron yellow, carmine stripes on deeper yellow blotch .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>ORANGE BLOOD</b> —Intermingled red and yellow, lower petals striped bright red .....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>QUEEN OF THE YELLOWS</b> —Color canary yellow.....	1.00	10.00	.....
<b>YELLOW PRINCE</b> —Beautiful orange, large flower; strong grower .....	0.10	1.00	7.00
<b>PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS</b> —With this new class, obtained by our own hybridization, we offer something extremely good, they excel in beauty of color and size of flowers. At the recent Saginaw Gladiolus Show they were awarded first prize for the best collection of Primulinus Hybrids.....		0.80	6.00

**COLLECTION A**

1 America	1 Glory of Holland	1 Master Wietse
1 Electra	1 Halley	1 Yellow Hammer
1 Elizabeth Kurz	1 Haubenstaufen	1 Niagara
1 General Joffre	1 Liss	1 Conspicuous

These 12 bulbs (worth \$1.73) for .....\$1.50

**COLLECTION B**

12 bulbs of each variety mentioned in Collection A, total of 144 bulbs (worth \$16.80) for .....\$14.00

**COLLECTION C**

1 Chateau Thierry	1 Le Marechal Foch	1 Roem Van Kennemerland
1 Evelyn Kirtland	1 L'Immaculee	1 Wilbrink
1 Flora	1 Muriel	1 Pride of Hillegom
1 Gretchen Zang	1 Mrs. Frank Pendleton	1 War

These 12 bulbs (worth \$4.85) for .....\$4.20

**COLLECTION D**

12 bulbs of each variety mentioned in Collection C, total of 144 bulbs (worth \$45.75) for .....\$40.00

**COLLECTION E**

1 Eros	1 Maine	1 New Mexico
1 Fair King	1 Miss Christina Treur	1 Ohio
1 Georgia	1 Morning Glory	1 Utah
1 John M. Good	1 Mrs. Vos	1 Wolverine

These 12 bulbs which are the most beautiful Hybrids obtained by Mr. Vos, Sr. (worth \$17.60) for .....\$15.00

NOTE—Six of each variety mentioned in collections A and C for one half the price of collections B and D.

In order to get exactly what you want it is advisable to order early. Late in the season we may be sold out in certain varieties that you would wish to have.



